

Employment crunch for work-study students

On by Christian Salvatori
On September 28, the Associate Director of Financial Aid, Florence La Croix, sent a memorandum to the student employment supervisors stating they "were not at liberty to hire non-federal college work-study students, even after the five week period." This five week period, according to the University website, is the time frame that is allotted for work-study students to get first priority on obtaining on-campus jobs.

This new policy is affecting many International students. One student, who was working for the Naturopathic department, told The Scribe, "I can't believe that after a year of working for the naturopathic department, I learned that they cannot rehire me."

Another student, wishing to remain anonymous, said, "Despite being promised a job and working for two weeks in the Registrar's department, I had to be relieved due to budget cuts." She continued, "There was nothing they could have done to save my job. They were sorry to let me go, but there was nothing they could do."

Ms. La Croix left two weeks ago to work at the Bridgeport Hospital Nursing School. Her leave follows that of Dominic Yoia, Director of Financial Aid, who left before the semester began for a job in Quinnipiac College, the school that acquired the University of Bridgeport's law school.

Karen Smiga, Head Librarian, said that when domestic students are given their finan-

cial aid packages, they are "promised on-campus jobs." However, international students are not guaranteed anything of the sort. As a matter of fact, when International students visit their embassies to apply for F-1 or J-1 visa, there is a requirement to prove that the students have the means to support themselves. The school is required by law to find jobs for these domestic students, also known as federal college work-study students.

This year, the school has apparently been faced with enormous financial cutbacks. This meant that many of the departments were not allocated money in their respective budgets for International students. According to Ms. Smiga, these financial cutbacks did not seem to affect the domestic population because the school only pays them 20% of their wages. The remaining 80% comes directly from the government. But even the domestic students are not guaranteed work on-campus.

Ms. Smiga said, "For every one International student that we want to rehire, we have to employ one domestic student."

Annette Lamberson, head of Circulation, said, "Usually, we have a hard time finding domestic students willing to work at the library and a backlog of work is created during the first five weeks. It takes as many as five weeks to fully train new student employees." However, she claimed she was lucky to get some good

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Animals versus God

On by Vanessa Trinidad
On September 22, Director of the Physical Plant Edward McCourt received a phone call from Rev. Snyder who informed Mr. McCourt that a raccoon was seen in Carstensen Hall. On the same day Bats & Things, an exterminator company, was called in. The exterminators set up traps in the building using food as bait for the animal.

On the morning of September 23, the Buildings and Grounds crew went in and found the trapped raccoon. The raccoon was euthanized because of the threat of rabies. The building was shut down for two days just in case there were other animals trapped in the building.

It turned out that the raccoon was not the only animal using Carstensen as its home. On the September 24, a kitten was found in the building. The kitten was taken to the Humane Society at Westport, where it was put up for adoption. Three days later, on September 27, the Buildings and Grounds crew found a skunk in one of the traps. The skunk was also euthanized.

The exterminator company checked the entire building for possible ways through which the animals could have got in. The exterminators found a small hole at the back of the building through which they suspect the skunk could have burrowed in. This hole and all other visible holes were sealed. The raccoon, on the other hand, could have come down the chimney, as it is not unusual for raccoons to do so.

The Protestant, Catholic and Muslim ministries on cam-

pus use Cartensen Hall to hold services. The building is also used by the Baking Club. Mr. McCourt said that the Baking Club left the doors open while

baking and the smell of food could have attracted the animals. The Baking Club has been asked to clean up after the use of the premises.

The traps were left in the building for a week and a half. There have been no more problems reported to date. Mr. McCourt

said that this was the first time during his two year tenure with the University when a skunk or raccoon had been found in an occupied building.

Raccoons are not uncommon around the area because of the proximity to Long Island Sound and Seaside Park. Luckily, skunks have rarely been seen. Also, there are many stray kittens all over campus and there is not much that can be done about it.

Carstensen Hall is a wood-

en structure and is hence easy for animals to burrow in. The building is made up of three floors, with the topmost floor being the attic. Carstensen



Carstensen Hall, named after Mrs. Carstensen, is marked for demolition in consolidation

Hall is one of the oldest buildings on campus, dating back to well over a hundred years. The building is on the National Registry for Historical Monuments. It cannot be torn down and needs to be renovated. The State does not offer any financial help to renovate private buildings. Renovation plans will, however, have to wait, as they require significant amounts of funds.

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Cooking facilities hazardous in Bodine?

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Bodine Hall's problems with fire alarms have finally resulted in the restriction of cooking facilities in the dormitory, as the kitchen is now locked up at 10:00 PM. All the microwaves have also been removed from the various floors. This is after four out of five fire alarms this semester have been set off because "someone had been cooking in a microwave or someone had been cooking in a stove" said Mr. Oestreicher, director of Residential Life, who himself is a resident of Bodine Hall.

"We caught about three or

four of them [the culprits]" said Mr. Oestreicher. One person came forward voluntarily after leaving "popcorn in the

microwave for 30 minutes instead of 30 seconds," and setting off the alarm. He has since been charged a fine of \$50.



The kitchen ventilation system is out of order and may not be fixed until next summer

In another case, "there were two men cooking steaks down in the basement and left them there." The smoke detectors and the heat sensors went off, and the hall had to be evacuated at 1:00 AM. Both men were fined fifty dollars after

Campus Security found them in the basement after the alarm was set off.

When asked what effect fining people who set off the fire alarm by mistake and then confess to it will have on the residents, Mr. Oestreicher replied, "I don't think discipline at a university should be punitive. We're not trying to punish people, there are ways to educate them. Sometimes, it is through a small fine and giving them a letter of warning." He said that when campus security has to go out and look for the people who set off the alarms, the punish-

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On Campus

Going on a shopping spree?

Many of us packed light before arriving to the University. Now, when the cold weather is starting to come in, might be a good time to make some additions to the wardrobe. Here are some suggestions on how to get good quality clothing and accessories without maxing out your credit cards.

Marshalls and TJ Maxx are two stores that sell brand-name items at discount prices. Both stores have wide selections of brands, such as Tommy Hilfiger, Perry Ellis, Kenneth Cole, and others. However, at both stores low prices combine with compromise in service. Yet, for students who look for discounts Marshalls and TJ Maxx are great destinations.

Marshalls is located on the border of Bridgeport and Trumbull in Brookside Plaza, and is accessible by Bus #8. Another Marshalls store is located on Post Road in Fairfield, just off Exit 23 of I-95. The TJ Maxx store in Fairfield is located by the corner of Black Rock Turnpike and Tunxis Hill Road. It is accessible via Bus #11; if you drive, take exit 24 off I-95 and continue on Black Rock Turnpike.

Filene's Basement is another alternative for those who look for brand name clothing and accessories at discount prices. The store nearest to campus is located in Milford. Take I-95 to exit 39B and continue north on Route 1 for two miles. That area in Milford has numerous stores, including Post Mall, so the trip to Milford would be

worthwhile for hardcore shoppers.

Bradlees is a chain that targets low and middle-income consumers. While it is true that Bradlees carries inexpensive items, often the quality of the clothing is not the best. Add poor customer service to low quality, and you will get a very unfavorable picture. In my opinion, you should avoid going to Bradlees whenever you can help it.

Those who need to shop for business clothing must visit Syms right off exit 24 of I-95. Syms carries a huge selection of business clothes and accessories for both men and women. The quality of the clothing is uncompromised, while the pricing is at a discount in comparison to department stores.

If you wish to go to great lengths in your shopping, take I-95 to Clinton (exit 63) or Westbrook (exit 65) and visit outlet malls in these towns. In the outlet malls, you will find brand names such as Calvin Klein, Gap, Nike, and London Fog. The items are usually sold at a 20-40% discount compared to department store prices. Unfortunately, it takes about an hour by car to get to these locations, so I suggest taking a day trip if you want to shop at these outlet malls.

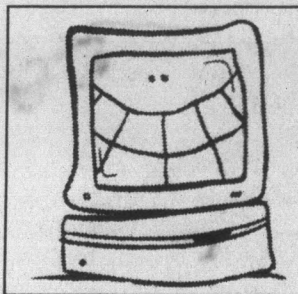
Finally, those of you who wish to avoid long journeys to malls and crowds of people should consider shopping online. If you like shopping at Gap or Eddie Bauer, I suggest vis-

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Tracking technology trends

by Puneet Batra

If you walk around campus and hear people talking about "rocket launchers" and "grenades," it might not be necessary to call the police. What you heard is probably conversation about Quake, a first player shooting (FPS) game which has you run around killing your competitors. To make things more real, you can play on the network (which Bodine residents enjoy) against other players in the dorms or on the Internet. Although the game might be a good way of releasing some pent-up



energy, addiction is never good. I know people who have spent a whole Sunday (about nine hours) playing the game without stopping for lunch or dinner. Others have been known to do miserably in classes because of Quake. Ignoring these "ill-effects," Quake is a great game.

Another popular game is Microsoft's Age of Empires, a strategy game that definitely needs more brainwork than Quake. Although I haven't spent a lot of quality time with the game, it appears pretty exciting. Other popular strategy games include Civilization, Starcraft and SimCity. The last game has been around for a while now and just keeps getting better.

Deer Hunter, a relatively new game which came into the market a few years ago, is quite distinct from other games on the shelves. The gaming experience is not very different from a real hunting experience out in the woods. You even have to align the scope on your gun before you hunt, so you can actually hit what you aim for. The game is definitely not for the impatient, and you have to plan things out carefully. Once you have established a good lookout spot, you have to stay put for quite some time before any deer decide to show up. The noises you make and the smells you produce can decide whether or not a deer will visit your area.

With not much to do in their free time, it is not a surprise that many students are playing computer/video games to entertain themselves. My personal favorite is Tetris – not the new remixed versions, but the original back from 1987. Some other great "old school" favorites include Centipede, Prince of Persia and – without a doubt – Leisure Suit Larry.

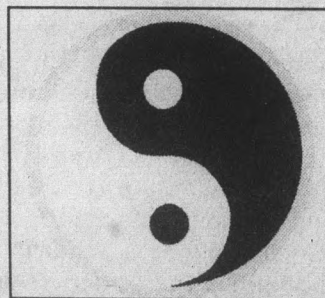
Some of the new sports games on the market are hot sellers, including "NHL '99" which allows you replace players' faces with your own pictures to make things more exciting. So if you are looking for something to do between homework and have a computer, go out and get a game that you might like. A simple installation, a little getting used to the controls and some practice is all it takes to get you started. Happy Gaming!

The Vital Fuse – Vis Medicatrix Naturae

by M.L.Davis

(Big Tony): "Mmmmmmm love that vanilla air freshener, Frank." (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Mmmmmmm bla bla bla PETROLEUM DISTILLATES, PARA-DI-CHLORO-BENZENE, and QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS." (Big Tony): "Nice plastic shower curtains, Frank." (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla POLY-VINYL-CHLORIDE bla bla bla." (Big Tony): "I had to dodge traffic walking over here." (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla bla CARBON MONOXIDE, SULFUR DIOXIDE, OZONE, and NITROGEN OXIDE." (Big Tony): "The exterminator was spraying as I made my way in. No termites for you, huh Frank?" (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla bla CHLORDANE and HEPTACHLOR bla bla." (Big Tony): "Say, is that a new carpet Frank?" (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla TOLUENE, BENZENE, FORMALDEHYDE." (Big Tony): "I didn't know you smoked cigarettes Frank." (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla bla CARBON MONOXIDE and other SUNDRY CARCINOGENS." (Big Tony): "You don't mind if I grab a beer, do you? I polished off one of those plastic gallons of spring water after jogging this morning, but I'm still thirsty." (Big Tony's LIVER hears): "Bla bla bla ALCOHOL, bla bla bla POLY-VINYL-CHLORIDE."

If you think that this story is an exaggeration of the type and degree of toxic overload that our liver must face everyday, then you are wrong. Not only does the liver have to detoxify the body of everything unnatural, but the systems of



the body derive great insult as well from the chemical architecture of our modern environments. The central nervous system, the skin, the digestive system, the reproductive system, the respiratory system...every system suffers, and life can become miserable whether your liver punches the clock overtime or not.

Although the topic of the Standard American Diet (S.A.D.) is somewhat of another story, suffice it to say that we consume enough artificial colors and flavorings alone to keep the liver busy without even having to deal with the added insults that our environment delivers on top of it all. Here is some food for thought: Diet soda sweetened with ASPARTAME a.k.a. NUTRASWEET, if left in a sealed container and allowed to reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit will liberate METHANE and FORMALDEHYDE. Mmmm, Yummy. Yes, that's the same formaldehyde that frogs are preserved with for Biology class. It is ironic that Formaldehyde preserves biological specimens FOREVER but only in a state of death.

The fact is that it is a battle to keep our environment from turning our livers into mush, but it is a battle that will give

you in return good health.

In this day of airtight homes trying opening the windows now and again to let some of those toxins that are liberated from your stuff out in exchange for some fresh air. Substitute fabric for plastic shower curtains. Use essential oils to scent your air and boric acid to eliminate unwanted insects from your home. Don't store anything that you are going to consume in plastic. Yeah, right. I know that is a tough one, but whenever using glass to store food or water is possible then do it. Admittedly, getting away from all of the possible liver and body system insults that surround us is virtually impossible, but think of your liver as a sponge. You can only soak up so much swamp water and squeeze it out so many times before it starts to lose its ability to be a good sponge. When the sponge gets all nasty, like the last one you threw out because it wasn't fit to wash dishes anymore, then that is it. No more functioning liver, no more quality to life.

Liver detoxification is an option that you can take into your own hands. There are a number of products available through your health food store and Naturopathic physician that can give your Liver Sponge a second lease on life. The Herbs Milk Thistle and Yarrow are just a couple that your liver would enjoy absorbing. Do yourself a favor and treat your liver like you would a baby, with love and tender care.

Bring your liver to a Naturopathic

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Legalizing marijuana



The debate spurred questioning of American law by the audience

Whether marijuana should be legalized or not was the controversial issue that confronted two debating teams of students on October 21 at the Student Center. The debate was held in front of a three-member panel of judges, including Prof. Healey, Prof. Eves, and University Counselor Jerry Weber, and an audience of UB students. The team that supported legalization — Geetha Tharmaratnam and Arman Gevorgyan, and their opponents, Ola Ogunye and Andrea Koehler, engaged in an hour-long heated volley of arguments for and against the legal use of the substance

whose ambivalent nature appeared to dwell somewhere along the blurry, ever-shifting line between "soft" and "hard" drugs, non-addiction and addiction, and morality and immorality.

While resolving the multifaceted issue,

there were many tie-knots between the teams concerning the present health and social problems that marijuana causes and the outcome of the possible changes that legalization could invoke.

"The costs of marijuana prohibition now clearly outweigh the benefits," argued Arman Gevorgyan of the affirmative team. He further indicated that US government has already spent \$10 billion in drug law enforcement, while, at the same time, there were 20 million marijuana users condemned as criminals, great

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SCUBA hosts speakers from Chinese banned meditation



One Falun Dafa specialist showed the audience how it is done

On September 7, 1999, SCUBA hosted a talk and a demonstration of Falun Gong (also known as Falun Dafa), the meditation practice that has been recently outlawed in China after several members of the organization died.

Falun Gong is described as "a high-level cultivation system, beyond Chi-gong that offers stress relief and health improvement" in the brochure posted around campus by the Bridgeport chapter of the organization. It also "has profound principles guiding the cultivation of mind and body."

The Chinese Department of Security issued an official notice, "The Department of

the group, proclaimed Master Li Hongzhi, has a series of lecturing videos which explain the history of the movement, the exercises, as well as his own extraordinary history. Master Li, as he is known to his followers, is now in the United States.

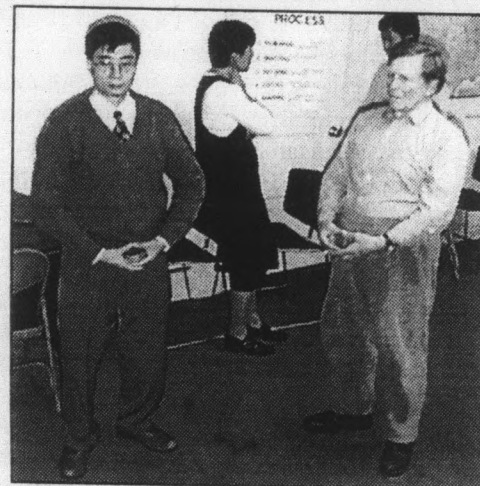
The common belief is that the practice of Falun Gong does not advocate conventional medicines, and that Master Li advises against going to the doctor

Civil affairs of the People's Republic of China declares the Falun Dafa research city and the Falun Dafa society under its control are illegal organizations that should be banned."

The leader

when ill. The speaker, a doctor in training at Yale Medical Center, said she had taken her son to get a hernia removed a month earlier, and that she has also given birth recently through a Cesarean Section.

The talk generated a lot of interest about the political pressure that is put on what is described to be a set of meditation exercises. There are classes that are offered in Bridgeport at no cost for a recommended 9-seminar session. The person to contact is Qubao Ruan at 203-333-4576.



The demonstration video helped the first time meditators

The travels of our president

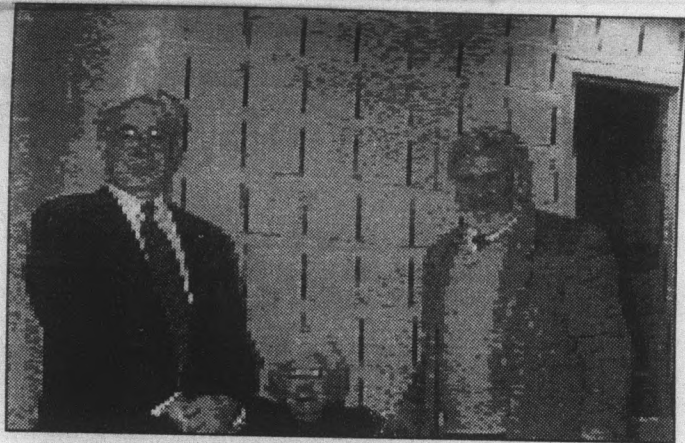
by Shisir Khanal

The President of UB, Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, presented a slide show on October 20 based on his travel and experience. The presentation was titled "A Life in Pictures: Travels of a University Professor and President."

Dr. Rubenstein, born in 1924, suffered the shadow

of World War I. He graduated with a major in History of Philosophy in 1946. The slide show started with the picture of Harvard Library, the world's largest University library, and moved to an overseas trip. His first overseas trip was in 1962. The government of West Germany had invited him for a lecture and in the slide, two young German Officers were shown. There he made a point that sixteen years back, the U.S. and Germany were at war against each other and then how he, an American, was lecturing to Germans.

Dr. Rubenstein also lived in Florence, Italy for part of his life. The slides from Italy included the wonderful picture of the Church Santa Maria of Venice, the moments of Italian festival called "sanco," and a 2,500 year old Greek Temple that was transformed into a Catholic Church. In Rome, he received a literary prize for his book *Psychoanalytic Research of Christian and Jew*.



President Rubenstein shared some wonderful slides along with some interesting memories

The focus of the presentation then changed to the U.S. Dr. Rubenstein discussed the situation in Birmingham, Alabama, when Martin Luther King was released from jail, and various press conferences and meetings were held. The situation then was worsened when a Birmingham Church was bombed, killing many people. Pictures revealed the anger in the students and the leaders. There were also pictures of National guards, who were preventing the northern students from coming to the State Capital and trying to handle the situation.

Moving out of the U.S., Dr. Rubenstein visited Israel in 1967 and talked a little about the Arab-Israel conflict and the historical Six-Day War. Slides of the Jordan River and other various parts of Israel were shown.

At the end of the slide show, he showed a picture a Japanese Silicon

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Rowdy crowd upsets bowling night

by Andrea Koehler

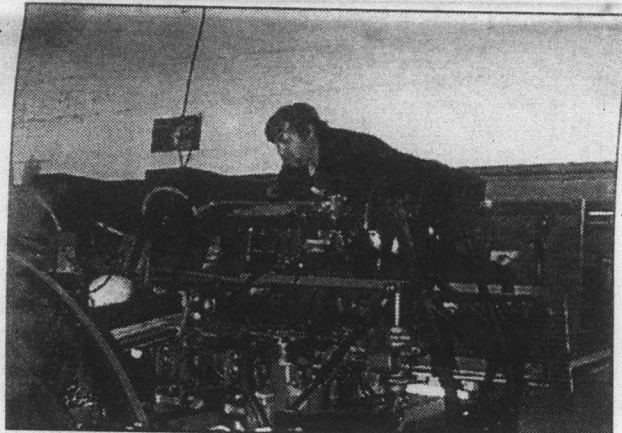
Bowling night was a well thought out event sponsored by the Special Events Committee of the Student Congress.

There was free food and hip music, and it was held on a Thursday night when most of the students were ready to stop studying and start partying. In the unused bowling alley under the student center, it was the perfect way to kick back, blow off some steam, and just have fun, but the night did not go as well as planned.

There are eight lanes in the bowling alley, but only one of them worked at the beginning of the night. At least one of the lanes would not return the balls. Moreover, more people showed up than the room could handle at full operation, never mind the crippled state in which it started.

The students had to squeeze through the crowd to get near refreshments, the ball racks, and even the exit. Later in the night, staff managed to get four to six lanes running at once, but the people kept using the lanes inappropriately, throwing 2 balls at once and such, and the machines broke down as fast as they could fix them.

As if the mechanical problems were not enough, the crowd went wild. While the staff was trying to free the balls, people still kept on throwing more, even after being asked repeatedly not to. A few individuals spoiled things for the rest of the crowd, and did



The maintenance man was kept busy throughout the night as lanes kept breaking down

their best to hog the lanes.

Students threw the refreshments at some of the staff, and all over the lanes too.

Although the last bowling night went so badly, the staff is optimistic that the next one will go better. When asked what he thought of the night, one of the staff members, John Musser, made light of the situation, "Well, no one could handle my fifteen pound balls, but fortunately, Lucas had some smaller ones."

Although the Student Congress plans to host another bowling night in the near future, the prospects for attendance do not look very promising.

The next bowling night is planned for Monday, November 1.

In like manner of the first, this bowling night will offer free refreshments with the free use of whatever lanes are still working.

Feature

College may be the best time to discover faith

There is a lot of controversy that is linked to the University of Bridgeport, mainly dealing with the school's connection to the Professors' World Peace Academy and to the Unification Church. Many students are aware that there are people outside of the UB community who seem to think that if you go to UB, you are Unificationist. That is not the case. The interfaith building on campus, Carstensen Hall, houses the Protestant ministry under Chaplain David Snyder, the Moslem Students Association, the Catholic Church under Father Douglas Tufaro, and the Unification ministry.

The students at UB seem little different from the students in other universities, especially when it comes to how they regard religion and the issue of God, except in that the students here are more diverse in culture, hence more religiously diverse.

Religion seems to be a growing issue across campuses in America today. There is a trend that college students are questioning their faith. However, Father Tufaro believes from his experiences that it is here that "you make or break your faith."

Most college students are living away from home. Many who were used to attending religious services, because it was a family

function or because it was forced upon them by their parents, no longer have that hanging over their heads. The result is that at first, there is that euphoric feeling that you can sleep in on Sundays. Also, there is the trend where you go for services when you first come to school and then after things start to get more busy in your life, you start to miss service and then just stop going completely.

One student, whose life is too busy to make the services said, "I believe in God. To me, that is as normal as breathing. I don't have the time to go to services now, but I am still religious."

There are those students who cannot find a church of their denomination or faith at college or nearby, or they may not even be comfortable with the church they find. In some of these cases, the student may decide not to utilize the facility of worship.

Does that mean that student has become less religious? In some cases, it seems so as out-of-sight has meant out-of-mind. But in other cases, students have discovered that their faith has grown stronger because it is more personal now minus the external religious aids.

College is patently the time when students traditionally question everything and the curriculum is built around inquiry. It follows that students may take this inquiry

into matters of faith. One student believes that was the catalyst for him to lose faith, "I quit believing because of the religion and philosophy coursework I have engaged in throughout the years of my college life."

Secularization is defined as a historical decline in the influence of religion. It seems to be the trend in America today, as in most technologically advanced societies. It remains to be seen whether religion will finally die out here. Were one to follow Karl Marx who claimed that religion is an opium and that it (religion) has destructive properties, one may hope so.

On the other hand, religion may be seen as a socially cohesive ideal. Something that may well be necessary in the age where armed conflicts are almost a norm. Then again, there is the problem of religious fundamentalists who cause some of the conflicts.

Students seem to want to "find" their faith. Exposure to different views sometimes helps to cement one's faith. In the university tradition, many students have had to, and will continue to defend their beliefs and to explain them to others.

Real faith is that which can be tested and then survive. Testing is what breeds confidence in one's faith.

Press Release

A three-student team from the Computer Science and Engineering Programs at the University of Bridgeport finished first place in a regional computer problem-solving contest, beating out teams from the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Middlebury College, SUNY at Buffalo and Colgate, among others.

Students Mher Grigorian, a graduate student, and Thomas Vitulskis and Igor Bolgachenko, both undergraduates, had six hours to solve six software problems at the Northeast North American Regional Preliminaries at SUNY Oswego on October 16. The UB team was the only one out of the 18 teams to solve all 6 problems. The contest is sponsored by IBM under the auspices of the Association of Computing Machinery, a national professional organization for computing science.

"Our first place finish was a pretty big surprise for most teams since we solved three of the problems during the last 30 minutes of the contest," said Grigorian. The second team from UB competing in the contest came in 13th place.

"We are extremely proud of our team to win," said Dr. Tarek M. Sobh, the director of the School of Engineering and Design. "Our Computer Science and Computer Engineering Programs are unique in that our undergraduate students do research and publish scholarly papers. The reason we have this caliber of students is due to the fact that we offer great scholarship packages, a strong internship program and small classes," said Sobh.

The first-place UB team will advance to the regional finals held on November 6 at Westfield State College in Western Massachusetts. Other teams there will include Harvard and MIT. The winner of that contest will advance to the world finals in Orlando, Florida.

The UB team has consistently ranked in the top twenty percent in the computer competition since it began three years ago. Sobh said, adding that the Department would like to add a Ph.D. program in computer science and computer engineering in the near future.

Both the Bridgeport and the UB Stamford campus computer programs have grown from 100 in 1994 to approximately 550 this year.

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domestic students this year.

Ms. La Croix's memo stated that approximately 150 work-study students were without jobs up to the end of last month (September). At the same time, there were certainly less than 150 remaining jobs on-campus.

The Dean of Enrollment Management, Jocelyn Poisson, was not aware that Ms. La Croix had sent out a memo, much less the contents of it. In fact, Ms. Poisson apologizes to the students that it may have affected.

Her plans for the near future include "working with Lynette Wood to put (on campus) jobs online so that everyone has equal chance (in attaining these jobs)." In addition, this will ease the burden faced by the students of having to come all the way to the 6th floor just to find out that there are no jobs available. This use of technology still does not increase the number of jobs on campus, but it will at least make the tedious job hunting process easier for students.

Further, Ms. Poisson promises, "The future looks bright, seeing that we have many plans in store to improve the present conditions, and this will be made possible by the new vibrant and friendly staff that will be in the Financial Aid office in the near future."

ment could be harder than if the perpetrator admitted guilt.

Mr. Oestreicher admits that in the past, he has threatened to fine students if the fire alarm is pulled, but that he has not done it yet. He referred to the University of Connecticut which apparently charges the residents of the floor on which the alarm was pulled, but he found that may not apply for UB, especially if people from other floors pull fire alarms. After the case of the burning steaks, "We made the announcement over the megaphone that if that were to happen again, we would close the kitchens." The fire alarm was pulled again 4:30 AM intentionally. "At that point, that was when I decided we were taking all the microwaves out, which the Fire Department had told me to do anyways" said Mr. Oestreicher.

Before the restriction was implemented, there were two microwaves in Bodine Hall, one on the fifth floor and one on the first floor. Originally, there had been a microwave on every floor, but most of them were removed because of the fire alarms that were being set off. The kitchen was closed for three days.

Bodine Resident Director, Marcia Nurse, "has the keys and locks and about twelve microwaves, and she is going to set up a chain of microwaves in the basement. That may be done today" said Mr. Oestreicher. There is little ventilation in the basement of Bodine as the fan is not working. "The fan has been broken for months. We requested it be replaced in April." Due to lack of funding, it has not been done. Mr. Oestreicher hopes to have it done next summer.

Student Congress Update

The occupants of Carstensen Hall are considering temporary relocation, due to the violations in fire and health code in the building. They approached the Student Congress for use of the Student Center. The Student Congress has refused to consider the request until other possible facilities on-campus have been explored, as the use of the Student Center for a religious center would conflict and adversely affect student use. For more information, contact Lucas Mc Cloud at x2017.

The House of Representatives has begun to create a student organization booklet. The booklet will contain descriptions and up-to-date details of all registered clubs on-campus, as well as contact information. This booklet will be distributed throughout the campus by next semester. For more information, contact Kristin Schumann at x2281.

The Financial Committee is devising a set of fiscal guidelines regarding allocations. These guidelines will be in place by the House of Representatives meeting on November 10, 1999. Currently, all allocation requests must be submitted ten (10) days in advance and must have all appropriate signatures.

The Student Congress is pursuing investigations into the residence halls and campus consolidation. Anyone wishing to contribute comments or suggestions should contact either Alejandro Gonzalez at x2315, or Lucas Mc Cloud at x2017.

UB World Cup rolls around



The African team beat the Japanese team in a penalty kickoff

On October 24 and 25, the UB World Cup was held at Seaside Park with 12 entries. On the first day of the tournament, twelve teams competed for four spaces in the semi-finals on the 25th. The teams that survived into the semi-finals were Japan, Malaysia, Bulgaria, and Africa. The favorite was Bulgaria, who was the defending champion.

In the first semifinal game Japan played Malaysia. Malaysia had beaten Korea 4-2 on penalties to reach the semis. Kazuya, a former UB soccer player, captained Japan and scored twice. Japan advanced to the final with a 2-0 victory over Malaysia.

The second semi-final game was Bulgaria against Africa. Bulgaria also had a former UB soccer player, Magnus Nielrud. The rumors were that Magnus and his brother, Johan Nielrud, an active UB soccer player, would play in semi-final against Africa. How-

ever, they did not play in the game, and Bulgaria lost. Had they played for Bulgaria, the outcome may have been different.

The final was between Japan and Africa. Africa had a surprisingly good team. They were physically strong and had stamina. Japan scored first. The goal was scored by a current UB player, Tadami Yoshida. Japan went to the half with a 1-0 lead. In the second half, Africa attacked aggressively, and equalized. The game then went to penalties where Africa triumphed 4-2.

Participating Countries

Bulgaria	Nepal
America	The Americas
Africa	China
Japan	Chiropractic
Pakistan	Tunisia
Malaysia	Korea



The teams' determination to win made for an aggressive tournament

Still no cable

by Andrea Koehler
Though it is more than halfway through the fall semester at the University, there is still no cable television in many of the dorms' lounges. There is supposed to be basic cable provided to the televisions in the main lobby and each of the social lounges in all of the residence halls, but the screens remain blank in most of them.

Traditionally, Cablevision is called on May 1 of each year and asked to turn off the cable in Barnum and Seeley halls within two weeks. On August 1, the cable company is called and asked to have all of the cable back on two weeks later. This year, when Cablevision was called in August, the company refused to provide service.

Cablevision's reason for denying the school is a simple one: the company wants to be paid. Apparently, the University still owes Cablevision around \$1,200 from previous bills, and until this money is paid, there will be no cable in any of the residence halls. Cablevision has told David Oestreicher, the Director of Residential Life, that it has not only cut off the signal, but also disconnected the hard lines.

If there are no longer any lines, then why do some televisions still get cable? The sets in the main lobbies of both Seeley and Barnum work, as well

as the ones in about half of the social lounges in Bodine.

When asked why the cable is operating, David Oestreicher said that he had no explanation, and that it made no sense. The only answer to this mystery must lie in the choked up paperwork of Cablevision.

As to why the University has not paid, that is yet another question unanswered.

The money was supposedly set aside for the purpose in the beginning of the year, as it usually is. Certainly, the administration has been promising its students cable for most of the semester. The Accounts Payable Department has said that it was going to pay the outstanding bill and get the cable turned back on. However, there is still no explanation why the bill has not been paid already.

After two months of dealing with Cablevision, the situation is at a standstill. Whether the money is tied up in the miles of red tape that run through the offices of the administration, or there is a more serious problem with the bill, the outcome is the same.

The students are not getting the cable for which they paid, and the cable company is not getting paid for the services it has already provided.

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Opinions

Guess who?



Now this guy just looks like a politician. Know him?
Call The Scribe at 4382.

Last weeks picture was one that was retrieved from a yearbook over 30 years ago. It is presumed that the person was a professor here at UB, perhaps one that taught Political Science. It was suggested that it might be Professor Singletary, but we don't think so. Chantel from Admissions thinks it is Prof. Van der Kroef. No, it can't be...can it?

Reflection from the heart on the heart of the matter

Prof. Stephen Healey

Early this semester, in one of my classes, we considered why objects of human love (family, country, truth, God) sometimes become sources of violence. Why, we asked, does there seem to be a relationship between what human beings live for, what they will die for, and, more chillingly, what they will kill for? We were provoked to do so, both by our reading assignment – Viktor Frankl's work on the Holocaust – and by President Rubenstein's speech in opening Convocation.

Truth to tell, as a class, we did not know the answer to that question, though we did develop some plausible theories about it. Members of the world religions, however, should not be surprised when sources of love, humanity, and commitment are turned into weapons of hate, enmity, and violence. The world religions, in different ways, have categories which account for the pervasive error and inhumanity that seem to be an ineradicable part of the human condition, and they are fully aware that error and hate can corrupt even the most sublime truth and the most pure love.

To the Hindu sages, all ordinary consciousness is a part of maya (illusion and misperception of the world). Jainism, as an outgrowth of Hinduism, has perhaps an even more daunting conception of human misunderstanding. It counsels a sort of absolute detachment from the world, since participation in the world draws one into false attachments. The Jain saint, walking naked in the elements, expresses the dangers of worldly participation and attachment absolutely. In their own ways, the other world religions also make claims about the negative dimensions of the human condition.

Sometimes religions diagnose the human malady as a result of other religious ideas and practices. Taoism is a classic instance. All was well, says the great Taoist Chuang Tzu, until Confucius came along! Confucius sought to teach people the key virtues of community: benevolence, propriety, filial piety, and ritual. But these teachings, says Chuang Tzu, leave humans in a state of perpetual self-doubt; they ruin the natural spontaneity and innocence of life. Though

this particular argument may be erroneous – I'll leave that for the reader to decide – Chuang Tzu reminds us that ideas, even well-intended (religious) ideas, may bring great human suffering.

So where does this leave us? The world's religions, taken together, suggest three things about our campus life: first, the sources of human hope and liberation, universal love and selfless service, are worthy of our attention. The essential realism of the world religions – looking to the heart of evil and ignorance – does not lead them to despair and cynicism.

Second, our campus needs to cultivate realism. A New Testament parable claims, in a summary of it by Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, that "the wheat and the tares grow together in history." In other words, human evil and human goodness, perhaps the two greatest human potentials, are intimately and inseparably mapped together in our hearts. An implication of this is that we should scrutinize ourselves most when we think we are right and that others are wrong. Carefree idealism, especially about our own points of view, ignores the serious difficulties of our common life.

Finally, we need to practice a kind of self-examination that is demanded by realism and sustained by hope. We need a realism that unmasks prejudice, name-calling, being disrespectful, being hurtful and callous, refusing to see an 'other' because he or she is 'this or that'; and we need a hope which affirms the worthiness of our efforts to understand one another. The sources of realism and hope, their calls to self-examination are plural, but building community ties on the competing bases offered by our different religious and cultural backgrounds is "the key to UB." If we learn to create a truly plural community at UB, it can be our key to the world.



Professor Healey teaches Religion at UB

Famine hits the students at UB

For the last three years, I have lived with the food from Marina, knowing that while I may not be delighted with the selection, I will be mollified by the Ramen noodles that I make almost every night. Unfortunately, this culinary bliss ended for many in the last few weeks as the last kitchen in Bodine Hall was shut down for three days.

The situation in Bodine Hall is a curious one; as the stovetop and microwave facilities on each of the floors have disappeared over the last years in an attempt to decrease the rate of fire alarms in the building. This was a strange solution to the problem for a couple of reasons. First, it seems that if students were going to be inane or malicious enough to start a fire on their own floor, it seems rather unlikely that the stupidity or malevolence would diminish on their way down to the basement.

In addition, it seems that the housing contract that we signed promised cooking facilities on each floor. Up until recently, however, this problem did not seem to get much attention. This is probably because resi-

dents are more concerned with getting toilet paper on each floor first, leaving the microwaves to worry about later.

It was only recently that the problem became serious, when David Oestreicher, director of Residential Life, decided to restrict the kitchen in the basement of Bodine to the hours of 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This leaves students without access to cooking facilities for at least ten hours. Besides violating the legal obligation that the university has to fulfill its contract with the students living in the dormitory, it is also not very cool that students are left to go hungry.

Many students have chosen their meal plan, or not to get a meal plan, with the assumption that a cooking facility would be available at all hours. The new policy seems especially unfair to these people, who were unprepared for the restriction on their dining habits. At least if they would have been told from the beginning that this would occur, then they could opt to live in one of the more luxurious residence halls on the other side of campus.

In all fairness, I should

address the reasoning that is used to support the decision. Apparently, this is the only way to stop the reoccurring fire alarms that has plagued the hall during many late nights. The alarms have become such an inconvenience that it would be better to close the kitchen at night so that alarms will not be set off than to have the availability of cooking facilities.

This is already a weak statement in that it is unclear whether students prefer to go without food or not, since they were never asked. In addition, it seems that there might be other ways to discourage fire alarms. For instance, why not fine the people who start the fires, or limit access for these people? I suppose the problem with this is that it is hard to determine who was last in the kitchen.

I would suggest that they place a security camera in the kitchen area, but it seems that the cameras are all being used to survey the cable-less television sets.

The good news is that UB students are finally gaining appreciation for Marina food.

Even prisoners get cable!

So, here we are, half way through the semester, and we still have no TV. I am not talking about having cable access in our rooms, though many colleges throw that in for free (plus HBO). I am talking about a dozen and a half televisions in the lounges throughout the residence halls.

What does the administration expect us to do, study and sleep?

Good things, but without my Dawson, I am not sure I can endure. What happened, anyway? Did we not pay a fee early in the year that included cable?

The sets are there, and the hardware is there, so what is the problem? When you are dealing with the amount of money that you need to have to run a university, can a couple of hundred dollars make that much of a difference?

I guess that when you are having problems supplying toilet paper and window screens to the student body,

TV takes a backseat.

Not that I think that they really broke the bank on those industrial size rolls of sandpaper that occasionally make their way into a bathroom, but I can see their logic while thinking from their pockets.

After all, the students haven't complained about missing out on the necessities too much, so let us cut a few more corners. Like the students do not have enough to worry about without living in a lifeless tv-less block like this.

I mean, even prisoners in federal prison on death row receive cable as part of their constitutional rights. It is covered somewhere under "cruel and unusual punishment." That is what this is. And all we did wrong was pick up the wrong application.

Come on, administration, alumni, whoever; get your acts together. I want my cable.

Letters to the editor

Go UB!

Pure Love Alliance views sex on campus

Poll: 139 girls, 169 boys
Q1: Do you think that abstaining from premarital sex will help you make a stronger marriage?

Yes: 35.5% girls, 45% boys
No: 64.5% girls, 54% boys

Q2: When you were growing up, were you encouraged to stay pure before marrying?

Yes: 79% girls, 50% boys No: 21% girls, 50% boys

Q3: Do you want to make a lasting marriage without extramarital affairs?

Yes: 95% girls, 83% boys No: 5% girls, 17% boys

So, what do you think about these numbers? Do you think that they mean something? Many people that I've talked to who have decided to save sex for marriage have done so because they have seen others hurt by premarital sex.

The retort is that we don't see too many marriages turning into "happily ever afters" either. This culture of ours is very open in expressing love and sex. In fact, it is "in your face." But somehow, something is missing.

The sexual revolution of the sixties supposedly freed us from moral codes that hid away sex and expressions of love. However, it seems increasingly hard to feel confident that the best kind of love is out there for us.

I have a feeling that everyone dreams of having a satisfying love. Maybe you can even picture it in your mind now; a love that is fulfilling and secure and uplifting. Is abstinence before marriage going to do all that for us? Well, no. Abstinence itself is not the answer, but what we do during that time is.

You see, abstinence is not a passive, ho-hum lifestyle; it is an active lifestyle. Strength of love and strength of character go hand in hand.

Those who invest into their character have more to invest in their love and into their marriage. Abstinence allows us the time to focus on our own growth. If marriage needs our utmost to be the best, shouldn't we prepare for it?

So, let me put this question before you. Who owns your sexual organ? The natural answer is "of course, I do," but that is exactly the perspective I am talking about changing.

This may sound unusual, but think for a moment that your sexual organ belongs to your future husband or wife. I am sure he or she would like to be married to a generous person, but sex is not something we want our spouse to share with others. Shouldn't that apply before marriage as well as within?

Let's look at love differently also. What is True Love? True Love is to give, forget that you gave, and then give again. Now, is True Love only between a husband and wife? No. By this definition, we can have True Love with an unlimited amount of people.

In fact, the more people we love like this, the more natural it becomes. The best example is of parents who have to give continuously to their children. However, we aren't born with this kind of love. As children, we are selfish, but we are taught how to share and care about others.

These are virtues that become increasingly important as we grow older. That is the value of our youth. We grow up learning how to love more unselfishly, without expectations, so that when we marry we naturally share

True Love together.

Upon the secure foundation of True Love all the passion and excitement of love falls into place (studies show that married couples have a more satisfying sex life than singles.) Our children grow up in an environment where they also receive and learn how to give True Love.

Is this a happy environment or a repressive environment? Really, if everyone is thinking about giving, we do not have to worry about receiving and we do not have to fall out of love because our needs are not satisfied.

This is my vision and the vision of the Pure Love Alliance. It seems like an unrealistic vision; so now, should our vision affect our attitude or our attitude should affect our vision? Let's create an environment where we support each other to create True Love, where we respect sex within marriage, and where we can have confidence to create the 'best love' and families that our hearts yearn for.

Let's change our perspective, let's work together and LET'S DO IT...with our husband or wife.

The Pure Love Alliance is not just promoting abstinence before marriage. We are an active organization. On Oct. 29, the President of National PLA is coming to speak. That would be a great opportunity to find out what the whole idea is. On Nov. 6, PLA will be hosting a rally for True Love. See you there.

Highmy Herbers
Co-President Pure Love Alliance

I am constantly hearing a lot of people complaining that nothing is being done at UB to improve social life, so I ask them, are you doing something or are you just complaining all the time?

In the two and a half years that I've been here, even though it doesn't seem like it, a lot of parties and social events have been organized through campus clubs and organizations. All that you need is to be committed to improve UB's life. Be part of the solution, not of the problem. You want a party, well get up on your feet, join a club, or make one (which is not hard at all) and start using your ideas to make UB a more interesting place to be in.

By the way, did you go to the party on Saturday, wasn't it great? I was so disappointed that I could not go because of RA duty, especially when all my friends went and had an awesome time!


You see, when a bunch of hard-working people get together, things will go alright, and I think we can all have a great time. So stop being lazy and do something nice for your school!! UB PRIDE!!!

Juan Prieto

The Scribe would like to thank Student Congress, Faculty Council, and University Senate for their support in getting the restriction imposed on The Scribe online removed. We're back on!


On The Spot

What does religion mean to you?




"Religion is a way for people to get explanations for things they don't understand, and a way to justify the things they do."

Justin Adin




"Religion is religion. I think religion can give hope or pleasure the right way. I think it is good to have it."

Eunjo Park




"Religion gives people an explanation to unnatural events and provides people with answers to moral questions"

Laura Mecure




"Religion is something meant just to discipline people. It shouldn't be taken too seriously."

Amit Singh




"Religion tells us the way to live a better life"

Wazida Tabassum




"Religion in general has been a vehicle for deception and manipulation. The majority of today's religion lacks true substance and has sacrificed truth for acceptance."

Tadashi Ushiroda



"Although I don't believe in any religion, I respect other people who do."

Kazunori Shibata



"Religion means discipline. It influences strength of character."

Geeta Mohan

It's a Conspiracy!

Startling new evidence has come to light about the University's plan to consolidate the campus. It turns out that the entire scheme is a cover-up to build a landing pad for a group of aliens who want to take over the Earth!

Though at first the staff of The Scribe was reluctant to believe such an outrageous claim, it was given undeniable proof. Lucas McCloud, the leader of TUORMAUGAWTTOTE (The Underground Overt Resistance Movement Against Unbelievably Indescribably Gross Aliens Who Want To Take Over The Earth), which is a recognized club funded by the Student Congress, came to The Scribe office for help.

Mr. Mc Cloud showed The Scribe staff a blueprint, written on scraps of paper from a supercomputer – the ultimate thinking machine, and a threat to the human race. When asked what it was, he apologized and pulled out the right blueprint.

It was of an enormous landing pad, which looked like a banana, to be built right here on campus. Mr. Mc Cloud explained that the structure was to be built out of those inedible veggie-burgers that they serve in Marina Hall, because they were harder than any other substance found on Earth.

The aliens would be landing at the end of the semester with the help of their spies who had already worked their way into UB. One Scribe mem-

ber noted that it would explain why some of the professors were inhumanly boring.

The conference in The Scribe office was cut short when a stray wrecking ball crashed through the office window and killed the leader of the TUORMAUGAWTTOTE. It was then realized that Mr. McCloud was not human, but a machine shaped like a man to come back in time and save the mother of the leader of the resistance in the future. It was written on his boxers.

It looked as though this would be the end of The Scribe's involvement in the alien invasion, but, as luck would have it, the newspaper was contacted again, this time by a pair of nerdy FBI agents named Mully and Sculder.

The agents explained that they had been looking into these allegations and were trying to stop the invasion. The Scribe members all immediately offered to help (with the exception of the Editor, Geetha Tharmaratnam, who was busy masticating) and were initiated into the TUORMAUGAWTTOTE.

While the rest of the staff marched into the woods to join their new compatriots in arms, the brave Sports Editor, Trinity Belgrave, tried to get an interview with David Oestreicher, the director of Residential life, on the subject (though no one could figure out afterward why the sports editor was sent to do it.)

Although perturbed to find him sitting cross-legged on the Ping-Pong table in the Student Center, dressed in a full Star Trek uniform and meditating on a head of lettuce, Ms. Belgrave interviewed him. When she started to question him about aliens, he grew agitated, and pulled an object shaped like a miniature fire alarm out of his pants pocket. When he pointed it at her, she ran, but to no avail. Her tape recorder was found next to her dead body an hour later, corrosive acid having burned a hole in her chest.

That was the last time any of the Scribe staff will be seen on campus. They will keep writing, they say, but now it will be for the NOTUORMAUGAWTTOTE (Newsletter Of The Underground Overt Resistance Movement Against Unbelievably Indescribably Gross Aliens Who Want To Take Over The Earth).

Meanwhile, all students are urged to look out for aliens posing as humans. They have bad hairstyles, and all carry a fire extinguisher shaped object in the front pocket of their pants, which squirts corrosive acid (although female versions may hide it in a bedroom drawer). They seem normal, if a little boring, until one brings up the Plan. So, whatever you do, don't.

The staff of "The Scribe" went into the woods to write a documentary on the campus consolidation conspiracy, and never came back. These notes were found a few months later.

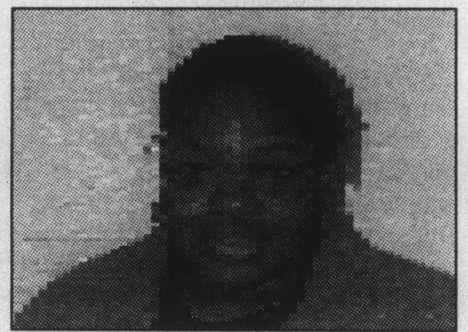
Scribble poll

Which of the professors seem like an alien?



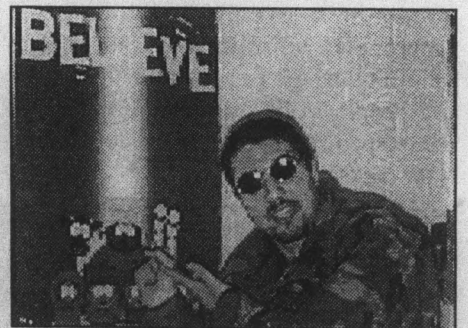
"Roxy Ray because she has a superior intelligence. She seems always to know what is going on in your life and she knows how to make you do what you are supposed to do even if you don't want to!"

Doris



"Dr. Katsifis is an alien because he knows everything that has to do with Science right off the top of his head"

Jennifer



"Professor Eves, just look at him!"

ed: He can't be an alien, he's batman!

Vahan



"Tracy Rigia. She's the only one who feeds me nuts! Off to find my nuts I go..."

Fashionable Freddy

Disclaimer

The articles in this section are meant to appeal to your sense of humor, if you have one. If you take offence, we apologise.

Interview with Davie Oeee :

Interviewer: David. O, I would like to ask you a few questions regarding the lack of toilet paper in the campus bathrooms, but first, I have to ask you, whose boxer shorts are those on your head?

David: Please, call me Davie Oeee. And as for the broccoli that was stolen from Marina, it wasn't me, and it is not in my back pocket right now.

Interviewer: I see. Speaking of broccoli that isn't in your back pocket, why is there a shortage of toilet paper at UB?

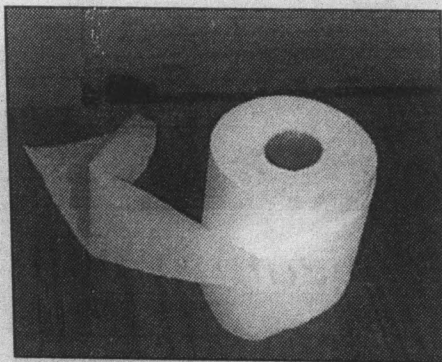
David: Oh yes, tell Prof. Geist thank you very much, but I won't be able to get those chop sticks back to him until Friday. And what is this toi-

let paper that you speak of?

Interviewer: Umm, the stuff that you use to clean your bottom after going...

David: My sweater is right here. And I don't have rabies.

Interviewer: Ok, but, uh, why is



there no toilet paper?

David: Well, that's a complicated question. Too complicated for a llama.

Interviewer: What?

David: You're excused.

Interviewer: Please, David, just answer the question. WHY IS THERE NO TOILET PAPER?

David: Well, if you're looking for toilet paper, I suggest you look in the bathroom. Now excuse me. The cleaning lady is giving me a ride to Guam, and I have to pack my things onto her broom.

Interviewer: Oh, pooh!

Cat Burglar Caught

After a two-semester cat-hunt by the men and women that make up the University's Rent-A-Cop squad, the sly thief known only as the "Barnum Cat" was finally apprehended. There was a long and dangerous undercover mission in play by the University's finest for the last year, and nobody knew about it, except at the highest levels. The operation was so intense that the school's administration even covered up for it by pretending that the school had no money.

The cat was originally spotted skulking about between Barnum and Marina, a dangerous stranger among unsuspecting victims. The students took him into their hearts, if not their dorm rooms, and fed him remnants of their meals. And how did he repay



The Campus Pussy confessed yesterday

them? He robbed them blind.

When officials broke into his hideout, they were amazed by the array of items he had embezzled. The items included rolls of toilet paper and paper

towels, yards of internet wiring. David Oestreicher's hair, the checks for Cablevision, the screens off hundreds of windows, several pieces of homework that students did not even know they had done, the locks off several bathroom stall doors, and some competent faculty members that have gone missing over the last few years.

When asked how the cat could have hidden so much without anyone noticing, the Rent-A-Cop squad had a simple answer. The embezzled items were hidden away safely on the eighth floor of the Wahlstrom Library. Apparently, the cat had also forged a lease, rented the floor, and used the space to stash its load. When asked why he did it, the cat said that it was revenge for making him eat Marina food for so long.

Gallery - collections

by Jack Ndombi

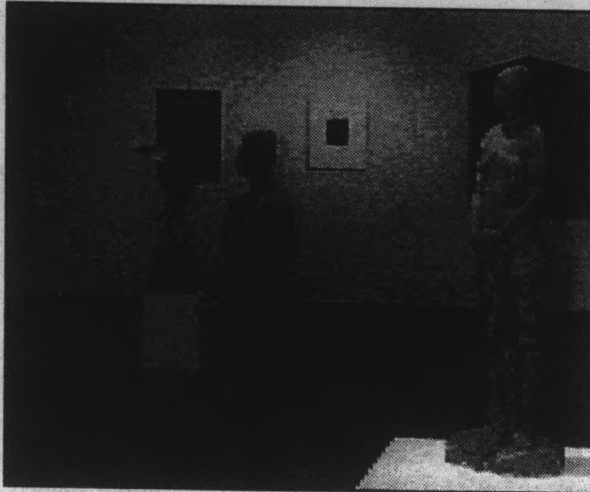
From November 10 to December 18, the University of Bridgeport's art gallery will exhibit many pieces of art from private collections of UB's faculty, staff and administration. "We have been looking for a way to have a faculty show that would encompass more of the university community and decided that this was the best way to include more people in the exhibition," says Kaz McCue, director of the University Gallery. "I thought that faculty shows which were focused on the people who actually created the work was a little exclusive since there are so many people on staff here who appreciate and collect art." "This will also be fun too, because it will be an opportunity to share a little of ourselves and will be a unique opportunity for students to find out what kind of art their favorite professors collect."

Mr. McCue is still accepting material from any members of staff.

A reception will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the University Gallery. In the project studio, there will be a selection of work from the Museum of Contemporary Impression.

which will run at the same time as "Collections."

The exhibition from Corbitt Studio, "Every picture tells a story," will still be up until the end of next week. For those who have not seen it yet, it is a good way to learn about the history of the City of Bridgeport. One can see what downtown Main Street looked like, find out that Bridgeport had two baseball teams once and how the person who flew a plane even before the Wright brothers had made his claim.



Bats, not worth the fright

by Jack Ndombi

Starring Lou Diamond Phillips, Dina Meyer, Bob Gunton.

If you are looking for a good Halloween movie, do not consider "Bats." The movie, is a boring and unengaging attempt to satisfy Halloween cravings of the viewers.

The setting is in the town of Gallup, Texas, where a couple of bats have been infected by a virus developed by the devious Dr. McCabe (Bob Gunton). The virus isn't fatal; instead, it increases intelligence and aggressiveness of the bats and can be conferred from one bat to another through a bite. Soon, the entire bat population of Gallup is infected, and they start to attack humans. The first two victims are a boy and girl who have driven to a secluded spot to be alone. When the Center for Disease Control becomes aware of the situation, an expert is called in - Dr. Sheila Casper (Dina Meyer), a zoologist who's "the best in her field."

Dr. Casper and her assistant join the local sheriff (Lou Diamond Phillips) in a mission to eliminate the bats before the evil creatures spread across the world and end civilization as we know it. During the course of this operation, they attempt to stop the bats by shooting them - an approach that might be effective against a dozen, but not against several hundred thousand. And it takes three-quarters of the film before someone comes up with the idea of using a flame-thrower. In the end, the military shows up with enough soldiers to take over a small country. But the bats kill all of them. When the heroes arrive in the morning, they find the bodies all over the place. Do they panic? No. They do their duty and the three heroes take care of the flying rodents.

Ultimately, the real problem with "Bats" is that the movie is not scary or creepy, and there are not enough unintentional laughs to justify sitting through all ninety minutes. The special effects are lackluster - the computer generated bats look like fakes. The plot is very weak; it starts out silly and gets worse as the movie progresses.

Homecoming a success

by John E. Musser

The social life at UB finally started for this semester, as students attended the Homecoming Dance last Saturday, October 23. The event seemed a success, as more people came to Homecoming than to any event thus far in the semester, with the exception of the "Freshmaker Tour." With over 300 people in attendance, the only other events this semester with a comparable attendance are the movie nights, which bring in about half this number.

The success of Homecoming seems to be attributable in part to the fact that admission was free for students. Realizing that students are incredibly cheap, this year's Student Congress has been pushing for more events where students are not charged, so as to increase attendance.

The event was organized by the Special Events Committee of Student Congress. According to Beylul Solomon, Chairperson of the Committee, there was a "surprisingly great turnout." She felt that "all of the hard work paid off," and thanked members of her committee and several other individuals who helped set up for the event.

Homecoming is traditionally a celebration held during a home football game, but since

the UB football team is nonexistent, we celebrate the soccer team instead. In a positive light, the soccer team dominated the Homecoming game, validating the celebration later that night.

Lucas Mc Cloud, President of the Student Congress, was very pleased with the event, as well as with the general progress of the Special Events Committee. Mr. Mc Cloud said, "many people have told me that they had a lot of fun" at the party. He hopes that the committee will continue to organize successful traditional events at no cost to students.



Over three hundred people attended the party that celebrated the end of the soccer season

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Scary Movie night
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Tonight 8pm to midnight
Haunted house by the Fashion Merchandising and gaming club.
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Saturday October 30th
Inferno by the Latin American Club
@ Student Center 9 to 1 am
Admission \$3

Monday November 1st
Rock & Bowl
@ student Center 8-11pm
Admission Free

Friday November 5th
Diwali 2000 (D2K)
@ The Student Center
Admission 3, 5, 6 (U.G, Grads, Others)

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Halloween Party with Drunken Bozos
@ The Avenue Café
3425 Fairfield Avenue Black Rock
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Saturday October 31st
Liquids Halloween Bash
@ Liquids 112 Washington St
South Norwalk, CT

Saturday October 29th -30th
2 nights of Halloween Madness
@ Black Rock & Blue
Fairfield Ave on the Fairfield/Black Rock Border

Saturday October 30th
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Miscellaneous

Consumers, from page 2

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Liver, from page 2

physician and make it a happy sponge! With a little heads up attention paid to your surroundings, your diet and your liver's welfare, you may live a few more years, and good healthy ones at that. And for the love of Pete, tell your diet soda drinking friends not to leave their artificially sweetened beverages in the sun unless they are more interested in embalming their stomachs then losing weight! Until next time, enjoy your health.

Travel, from page 3

Valley. The Japanese festival that was shown in the slide revealed the historical day of August 15, when Japan surrendered to America in World War II.

Dr. Rubenstein's lecture consisted of combinations of trips to various parts of Europe and Asia and related many things about religion, life, and the world. Most of the pictures that were shown were from the 1960's and the 1970's. The conflicts, seminars, lectures, meetings with different people, and joyous moments were witness to the diverse life of Dr. Rubenstein.

Volleyball from page 12

won 4 points in quick succession to bring it back to 6-4, but the Lady Knights picked up the level of their play and did not allow another point, winning the set a 4. The second set once again exemplified the mental toughness that our team has developed during the season. We quickly found ourselves down 1-7. Ramona Plant came in and served us back to 6-7. Then we got down in the set again to 7-11. At the end, UB came from behind to win the set at 12. The third set was a competitive affair and neither team really broke away to a large lead. Eventually, UB won the set 15-11 and the match 3-0. This victory gives our Volleyball Ladies a two game winning streak on the season. UB has won seven of the last ten sets of volleyball that they have played. They have also not dropped a set in their last two matches. Good job, Ladies!

As or more importantly than the victory was the enjoyment of the game that was apparent in our players. It is a pleasure to see at this point in what has been an admittedly difficult season for the most part. But it is starting to look up.

At this juncture we are five games into a series of at least eleven road games that won't have us playing at home until the final game of the season on November 9. at home again until our last game of the season on November 9.

Debate, from page 3

economic losses, overcrowded prisons, health hazards induced by unchecked hazardous supplies, and crimes triggered off by the illegal trade with marijuana.

The affirmative team's resolution was that a new approach should be adopted - one in which government should legalize marijuana use, as this is part of recognizing the individual rights of self-ownership, but should at the same time actively educate people on the short and long term effects of the substance's usage, as well as hold them responsible for any anti-social behavior under the influence. "As long as people do not hurt others with their marijuana use, there is no issue for prohibition." There is no reason to regard the current 20 million users in America as criminal as the substance's use is relatively harmless and does not necessarily entangle crime-related actions.

However, these, along with some above mentioned arguments triggered a series of bounce-back criticism by the opposing team. They argued that legalization was morally wrong as it would inevitably increase marijuana

use and expose more people to its harmful effects. There are no grounds to believe, according to them, that what has proved effective in the Netherlands would work in the U.S., as there is a huge culture gap between both of them that might be an unsurpassable obstacle. There are also no grounds to believe that people would come to respect the law more after the legalization since they have been already breaking it. The team further argued that marijuana was ability-destroying, made a waste of the individuals using it, induced the use of "harder drugs" and, therefore, "is completely unsuitable for society."

When all was said and done, the three judges left the room for about fifteen minutes to tally up the scores. During this time, the audience had a chance to speak its mind on the subject and ask questions of the debaters. When the judges returned, a unanimous vote was revealed in support of the affirmative side of the debate. This of course does not mean that the judges were convinced that marijuana should be legalized; rather, they felt that pro-legalization team offered a better presentation of its viewpoint.



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Blood Drive

by Zornitza Lilova

On October 21, a blood drive was held at the Student Center. This has become an annual event, which usually comes in February. Eighty-six people signed up to donate blood.

Half an hour before the end of the drive, about sixty of them had donated already. Provided that all the donations were successful and everybody showed up, about eighty-six pints of blood would have been collected.

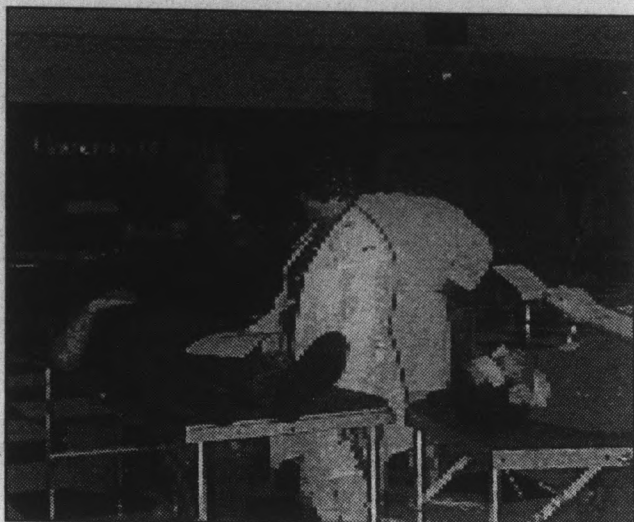
Drives like this one are quite common. They are held in colleges and universities, high schools, churches, community centers, and even in some businesses. The blood collected gets allocated to all of the hospitals in Connecticut, which count at more than thirty.

According to the head nurse, this drive was more successful than expected. Halfway through the event, there were more people than during any other drive at UB, so this is the most successful one ever held at the

University.

He hopes for a continuous good relationship with the University.

Dental Hygiene student Kate Rossiter told The Scribe that this is not her first time giving blood and she



Over 60 students donated at the most successful blood drive in recent years

would continue to donate in order to save people's lives.

Ms. Rossiter thought that it was good to have such drives in public places because this was a way of getting more people to donate blood.



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College Television network visits UB



Several bands performed in the ped mall to the delight of the crowd

College Television Network's Mentos Freshmaker Tour came to University of Bridgeport when we really needed it. Before this concert no big event had taken place on campus this semester. It began at 10 am with the activity village, which featured the "Freshmaker Lounge" where one could stop, relax enter a raffle (the prize being sitting on stage beside the bands as they played) or enjoy a few Mentos while watching

by Jack Ndombi

most people who tried could not reach the top.

Another booth that had immense popularity was "My Night as a Star." Here one had the opportunity to pose as a famous star who is nominated for a

the latest in music videos. This area was equipped with beanbags, inflatable furniture and two Playstation consoles. At first there were many people waiting to play the Playstation games, but soon people became bored of it as they featured only one game. One also had the opportunity to get photographs in the Freshmaker Lounge of their best Freshmaker pose at the Mentos photography area.

The "rock climbing wall" was also a great hit. You had to sign a contract before you could dare to test your skills and agility in scaling the wall. While here it was clear to note that most people went to the easier side whilst

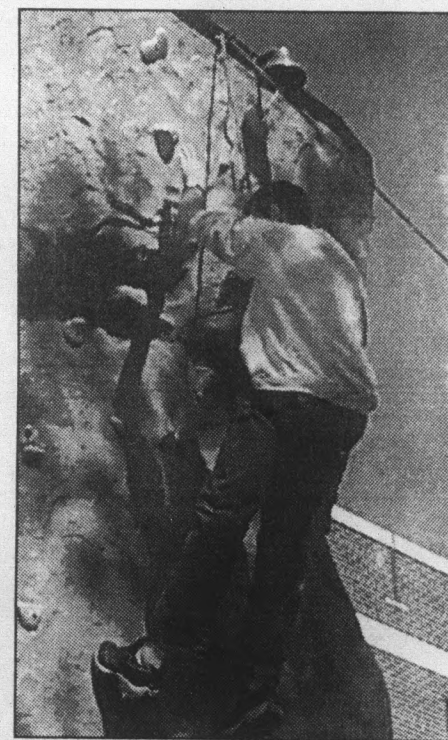
ignoring the more difficult side that

music award or as the interviewer of the star. Students could use cue cards or improvise their interview as they wished, which most students opted for. Utilizing instant edit videotape technology, participants left the blue-screen area with a videotape of themselves.

"Rock n Roll Jeopardy" had three students battle it out in answering music trivia questions. Here, people's music knowledge was put to the test as they tried to name the artist or the song in the form of a question. The winner received a CD.

In "name that video," brief clips of CTN music videos were played and students buzzed-in when they knew the video (title and artist). The winners won a video tape of the Cubs or a Bugs Bunny video tape.

The concert started at 4:00 PM and it featured various bands, including



The rock climbing wall was a huge hit. No one fell.

Mike Errico and Mighty Purple. Unfortunately students did not pay much attention to them as they were unknown groups.

The entire CTN concert was very enjoyable. The only downfall was that the event was held at the wrong time, as most students had gone home for fall break.

CTN had plans to host another event here at UB, but due to scheduling, they could not. They do plan to come back some time.

Volleyball season looking up

by Trinity Belgrave
In the nine games that our Lady Knights have played in the past three weeks, UB is 3-6. The first of these games was a disappointing loss to UMass Lowell in a match that lasted under an hour, as our ladies were quickly disposed of, 4-15, 3-15, 3-15.

Four days later, we faced the New York Institute of Technology. This was another disappointing performance. Lady Knights got out to a 2-0 start in the first set only to lose the set at 2. We got out to a 3-1 lead in the second set only to lose it at 3. In the third set, NYIT had a match point at 14-2. Emily Onyango served to bring the score back to 14-7. However any hope of a miracle comeback was dashed, however, as NYIT won the match at the next opportunity that they had.

Two days after the disappointing loss to N.Y.I.T, UB played Connecticut College. In a straight-set victory, the Lady Knights avenged a five-set loss to Connecticut earlier in the season. The tone of the match was set from the beginning, as we raced out to a 6-0 lead before being sided out. The Lady Knights won the first set at 7. At the beginning of the second set, Conn. College took a brief lead 4-2. The Lady Knights, however, took control of the set and won it at 7. The third set was

more in the vein of the first. We got out to a 9-2 lead and never looked back, winning the set at 6. UB dominated all facets of the match, and any concerns about a repeat for the Conn. College team were quickly dissipated. Our team has been steadily improving as the season progresses, and this comprehensive victory over a team to which we lost less than a month ago is a clear illustration of this fact.

The following Saturday, UB played a quadrangle of matches at Dowling College. Also participating were Bryant College and Dominican College. Our first two matches were against top ten teams, Bryant College and the hosts, Dowling College. We gave a good account for ourselves in straight set losses to both of the teams. The third match was against our opening day opponents Dominican College. We won the first set 15-10. But in a tight and hard fought second set we lost 12-15. We seemed to suffer a let-down in the third and it was an unusually quick 6-15 loss. Dominican College grew in confidence and took the fourth set 8-15 completing the come from behind victory. Even on a day when we lost 3 matches, there were however some very good signs. In the first set against Bryant College, we fought back from 4-0 down to tie it at

4 all. Then again at 9-4 down we brought it back to 9-8. Against Dominican College, we were down 2-8 in the first set and rallied to win the set at 10. Now when we find ourselves down, we find a way to fight back and compete in the game.

After the quad match, the Lady Knights had a week off before our match on Saturday. The rest did only good things for our team. Rested and looking sharp, we demolished the New Jersey Institute of Technology 15-4, 15-4, 15-5 in a match that lasted 45 minutes. The first two sets were marked by serving streaks that extended into double digits before a side out. In the first set, Julie Jarvis gave us an 11-0 start before she was finished serving. By this time our team was in a groove, and we won the set at 4. In the second set, we were down 2-1 when Valerie Steen came up to serve and continued to serve until we were up 14-2. The Knights won the second set at four and the third set at 5 to complete a sweep.

On Tuesday, our Ladies traveled to Teikyo Post University where they successfully completed a two-game sweep of the opponent on the season. The Ladies started out with a 6-0. Teikyo

See Volleyball, page 10

Men's soccer achieve their first home game victory

by Kyohei Mizoguchi
On October 9, the UB men's soccer team earned a well-deserved victory over The New York Institute of Technology by a score of 3-1.

UB's first goal was scored by Ingolfur Gudmundsson twenty-four minutes into the game. He dived to a cross from the right side and headed the ball past a helpless N.Y.I.T. goalkeeper. Inspired by the goal, the Purple Knights attacked relentlessly. Four minutes later, Oliver Konteh shot from right side, but the N.Y.I.T. goalie made an excellent save to deny him UB's second. In the 29th minute, Y.I.T. got a free kick, which was off-target. Shortly before the end of the first half, however, N.Y.I.T. tied up the game. The #10 of N.Y.I.T. com-

peted with the goalkeeper Adam Dodge for a loose ball. Mr. Dodge reached the ball first but succeeded only in hitting the ball off of the N.Y.I.T. #10 and into the goal.

In the second half, the Purple Knights continued to pressure for their first home victory of the season. They were quickly rewarded, as one minute into the half Johan Nilerud got UB's well deserved second goal. In the 49th minute, UB had an opportunity from a free kick, but Fredy Duque's shot swerved away from the goal. The only moment of real concern for UB in the second half came in the 53rd minute when Mr. Dodge was unable to get to a shot. The ball was past him and on its way into the goal when Higa Takayu-

ki cleared the ball off the line, preventing a certain goal. No sooner was the ball cleared than Ingolfur Gudmundsson extended the UB lead to 3-1. Tadamichi Yoshida, who had an excellent game offensively, assisted him. Before the end of the match Fredy Duque had a chance to score, but the ball hit the crossbar. The match ended 3-1, with the Purple Knights having their first home victory in an excellent performance.

October has been a good month for our men. They have won five of the seven games and are currently on a two-game winning streak. The Purple Knights have improved steadily as the season has progressed. Their next home game is at Seaside Park on November 3 at 3:00 PM.

Women's soccer steadily improves

by Kyohei Mizoguchi
On October 9, the Lady Knights played The New York Institute of Technology. Although UB's game continues to show improvement as the season goes on, we lost the match, 0-5.

Eleven minutes into the game, the first goal was scored, as Courtney Hibbard failed to take a cross from the left side, and the N.Y.I.T. #3, who was behind Courtney, capitalized to put her team up by one. Just 12 minutes later Jen Svelnys had an opportunity to score but failed to capitalize on it. Thirty-nine minutes into the match, the N.Y.I.T. extended its lead to 2-0.

From the outset of the second half, UB began to rally. Two minutes into the second half Julie Jarvis dribbled past the N.Y.I.T. defense and took a shot but missed.

Ms. Jarvis also caused problems with a free kick fifty-two minutes into the match, as it forced the N.Y.I.T. goalkeeper to make a fine save. Even after dropping their third goal, UB continued to cause concerns for the N.Y.I.T. goalkeeper. The Knights' Captain, Sara Warfield, took a free kick but also failed to reach the back of the net. UB's best opportunity came just after Ms. Warfield's free-kick in the seventieth minute, when Sandra Sigmunds-

dottir volleyed directly to goal from one of trademark long throws of Ms. Jarvis. That UB attempt to score, unfortunately, was not successful, either.

Despite the fact that the game was being controlled by UB at this point, a minute later, against the run of play, the N.Y.I.T. #11 completed her hat trick.

Ten minutes later N.Y.I.T.'s #6 scored the fifth and final goal of the game.

Scoreboard

WOMEN'S VOLLEY BALL

10/7	UMass-Lowell	
L,0-3		1-12
10/8	@Franklin Pierce College	
L,0-3		1-13
10/11	New York Tech	
L,0-3		1-14
10/13	Connecticut College	
W,3-0		2-14
10/16	@Bryant College	
L,0-3		2-15
10/16	@Dowling College	
L,0-3		2-16
10/16	@Dominican College	
L,1-3		2-17
10/23	@New Jersey Tech	
W,3-0		3-17
10/26	@Teikyo Post University	
W,3-0		4-17

Next Home Game Nov 9th vs. American International (FINAL game of season)

MEN'S SOCCER RESULTS

Date Opponent Result

Overall

10/6	@American International	
L,2-3		2-7-1
10/9	New York Tech	
W,3-1		3-7-1
10/13	New Jersey Tech	
W,1-0		4-7-1
10/16	@Franklin Pierce College	
L,0-1		4-8-1
10/20	Felician College	
W,4-1		5-8-1
10/23	Molloy College	
W,6-2		6-8-1

Next Home Game Nov. 3rd vs. Mercy College (FINAL home game of the season!)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/5	@University of New Haven	
L,0-10		0-8
10/9	New York Tech	
L,0-5		0-9
10/16	@Franklin Pierce	
L,0-11		0-10
10/19	Felician College	
L,0-3		0-11
10/23	Molloy College	
L,0-3		0-12
10/26	Southern Connecticut	
L,0-6		0-13

Next Home Game Oct 30th vs. Queens College (FINAL home game of season!)

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